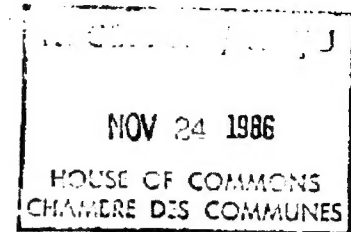


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The Honourable Flora MacDonald, P.C., M.P.  
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Dear Colleague *Flora*.

Thank you for your letter of September 8, 1986, regarding Mr. Chris Brown and the legitimacy of the concerns of the Advocacy Group for the Environmentally Hypersensitive.

Mr. Brown has also corresponded with me on several occasions. I have pointed out to him that, while I am sympathetic to the cause of those suffering from environmental hypersensitivity, the responsibility for the diagnosis, treatment and costs of illness lies with the provinces rather than with the federal government. A majority of the recommendations in the Thomson report were devoted to these aspects and therefore directed to the Ontario provincial government.

I hope that my reply will satisfy your concerns regarding Mr. Brown's advocacy of federal support for those with hypersensitivity.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jake Epp' with a stylized flourish at the end.  
Jake Epp